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Public Health co-sponsors flu partnership meeting

(Phoenix) – The Maricopa County Department of Public Health co-sponsored a public/private partnership meeting with Aventis Pasteur Wed. Oct. 13, 2004 for healthcare, Fire, EMS, education and private sector partners to share flu prevention and infection control efforts.

“The public health system is working closely with the medical and private sector community to ensure that those most at risk receive the vaccine,” said Dr. Robert D. Jones, M.D., Director for the Bio-Defense Preparedness and Response Division of Public Health. “It is through the strength of our partnerships with the healthcare, Fire, EMS, education and private sectors that will enable the MCDPH to effectively address the current flu vaccine shortage in our valley.”

Representatives from Aventis explained the current vaccine shortage and their efforts with the CDC for the redistribution of the remaining number of vaccinations.

MCDPH Epidemiologist Andrew Edmonds also spoke about increased influenza surveillance in the valley for the 2004-2005 flu season.

Residents are asked to help do their part by taking the precautions necessary to minimize your and your family’s chances of contracting the flu this season. Please cover your cough, wash your hands, stay at home if you’re ill, and remember only get a flu shot if you are at high risk for the flu.

For more information, go to www.maricopa.gov/flu on flu prevention and information. Contact Community Information Referral at 602-263-8856 or at www.cir.org for information on where to get a flu shot.

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